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Dear producers and other data users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.85 million cattle on feed on September 1, up 2 percent from last year but 4 percent below September 1, 2000. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 445,000 head, up 2 percent from 2001 but 10 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 380,000 head, down 10 percent from last year and 7 percent below two years ago. Other disappearance during August totaled 5,000 the same as last year and 2000.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 7 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.13 million head on September 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below September 1, 2001 and 2 percent below September 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.22 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 9 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 43,000 during August, 20 percent below 2001 and 12 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

STATE	September 1 Number on Feed ¹			August Placements			August Marketings			August Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	293	285	97	32	30	94	34	29	85	2	1	50
California	470	490	104	50	60	120	52	52	100	3	3	100
Colorado	1,010	1,000	99	210	245	117	255	230	90	5	5	100
Idaho	305	275	90	70	58	83	74	67	91	1	1	100
Iowa	310	310	100	39	56	144	53	65	123	1	1	100
Kansas	2,490	2,230	90	570	570	100	490	470	96	10	10	100
Nebraska	1,820	1,850	102	435	445	102	420	380	90	5	5	100
New Mexico	96	114	119	12	22	183	15	15	100	2	2	100
Oklahoma	395	305	77	78	74	95	71	78	110	2	1	50
So. Dakota	140	145	104	21	24	114	34	38	112	1	1	100
Texas	2,990	2,680	90	570	530	93	560	580	104	20	10	50
Washington	231	155	67	61	40	66	58	49	84	1	1	100
Other States	305	290	95	56	64	114	70	82	117	1	2	200
United States	10,855	10,129	93	2,204	2,218	101	2,186	2,135	98	54	43	80

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, September 20, 2002.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2002, was 2.90 million head. This was down 2 percent from September 2001 and 2 percent below June 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was unchanged from September 1, 2001 but 9 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.54 million head, was 2 percent below last year and 1 percent below last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 60.2 million head on September 1, 2002. This was 1 percent above September 1, 2001 and slightly above June 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 2 percent from September 1, 2001 and down 2 percent from last quarter. Market inventory, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above last year and slightly above last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: September 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2001-2002

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
September 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,950	2,900	98	59,777	60,220	101
Breeding	360	360	100	6,158	6,054	98
Market	2,590	2,540	98	53,619	54,165	101
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,030	990	96	19,911	19,684	99
60-119 pounds	670	640	96	13,438	13,409	100
120-179 pounds	510	520	102	10,854	11,146	103
180 pounds and over	380	390	103	9,417	9,926	105
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ¹	140	170	121	2,748	2,837	103
March-May	160	175	109	2,870	2,933	102
June-August	155	160	103	2,878	2,834	98
September-November	165	160 ²	97	2,889	2,818 ²	98
Total Sows Farrowing	620			11,385	11,422	100
Pig Crop						
December-February ¹	1,232	1,496	121	23,963	24,807	104
March-May	1,408	1,575	112	25,509	25,851	101
June-August	1,349	1,440	107	25,539	25,128	98
September-November	1,436			25,492		
Total Pig Crop	5,425			100,503		

¹ December preceding year. ² Intentions.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, September 27, 2002.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poult Placements, Nebraska and United States, August 2002 with Comparisons

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.6	100
30 States	311.8	314.7	101
United States	332.8	336.0	101
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	259	261	101
30 States	5,763	5,886	102
United States	6,138	6,261	102
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	35.0	35.9	103
Broiler	771.6	779.8	101
Hatched thru August			
United States			
Egg-type	315.3	290.1	92
Broiler	6,048.4	6,169.5	102
Turkeys Placed			
United States	25.0	24.7	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, September 23, 2002.

USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, September 13, 2002.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

August 2002 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 2001 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays. August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, August 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Aug 2002 Percent of	
		August 2001	July 2002
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	735.8	103	101
Hogs, head	572.6	103	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	694.9	106	102
United States			
Cattle, head	3,213.3	99	101
Calves, head	96.0	102	100
Hogs, head	8,544.2	102	106
Sheep & Lambs, head	264.6	97	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,139.9	102	103

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, September 20, 2002.

Small Grains Summary: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2002

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Classification		Nebraska				United States			
		2000	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2000	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001
All Wheat									
Planted	1,000 Acres	1,750	1,750	1,650	94	62,629	59,597	60,358	101
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,650	1,600	1,520	95	53,133	48,633	46,022	95
Yield	Bushels	36.0	37.0	32.0	86	42.0	40.2	35.3	88
Production	1,000 Bushels	59,400	59,200	48,640	82	2,232,460	1,957,043	1,624,636	83
Oats									
Planted	1,000 Acres	130	155	175	113	4,477	4,403	5,005	114
Harvested	1,000 Acres	45	60	55	92	2,329	1,905	2,098	110
Yield	Bushels	42.0	61.0	43.0	70	64.2	61.4	56.8	93
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,890	3,660	2,365	65	149,545	117,024	119,132	102
Barley									
Planted	1,000 Acres	7	5	6	120	5,864	4,967	5,073	102
Harvested	1,000 Acres	5	4	5	125	5,213	4,289	4,135	96
Yield	Bushels	27.0	45.0	43.0	96	61.1	58.2	54.9	94
Production	1,000 Bushels	135	180	215	119	318,728	249,420	226,873	91

Source: USDA NASS Small Grain September 30, 2002.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 1, 2000-2002

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Sept. 1, 2000	Sept. 1, 2001	Sept. 1, 2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	Sept. 1, 2000	Sept. 1, 2001	Sept. 1, 2002	<u>2002</u> 2001
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>Thousand Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Corn								
On Farms	105,000	78,000	80,000	103	793,000	753,150	586,800	78
Off Farms ¹	125,059	178,266	152,758	86	924,549	1,145,958	1,012,620	88
Total	230,059	256,266	232,758	91	1,717,549	1,899,108	1,599,420	84
All Wheat								
On Farms	19,000	15,000	13,000	87	808,390	696,850	588,200	84
Off Farms ¹	69,602	67,465	56,096	83	1,544,280	1,458,964	1,151,952	79
Total	88,602	82,465	69,096	84	2,352,670	2,155,814	1,740,152	81
Soybeans								
On Farms	8,000	3,300	2,800	85	112,500	83,500	62,700	75
Off Farms ¹	14,335	12,652	10,503	83	177,662	164,247	145,487	89
Total	22,335	15,952	13,303	83	290,162	247,747	208,187	84
Sorghum								
On Farms	2,500	2,900	2,000	69	12,200	8,900	7,400	83
Off Farms ¹	10,697	5,039	9,325	185	53,175	32,851	51,975	158
Total	13,197	7,939	11,325	143	65,375	41,751	59,375	142
Oats								
On Farms	1,800 ₂	2,000 ₂	1,600 ₂	80	101,200	74,800	70,500	94
Off Farms ¹					49,177	41,592	40,982	99
Total	2	2	2		150,377	116,392	111,482	96

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. ² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, September 30, 2002.

Potatoes: Production, Disposition and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
2000			1,000 Cwt.			Dollars	1,000 Dollars	
Nebraska	10,127	567	182	730	9,215	4.85	49,116	44,693
United States	513,621	27,145	5,288	43,688	464,645	5.08	2,591,091	2,360,135
2001								
Nebraska	8,400	557	153	720	7,527	6.60	55,440	49,678
United States	437,888	29,251	5,387	31,208	401,293	6.99	3,057,573	2,804,830

Potatoes: Stocks held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors, Nebraska and 15 Fall States, 2000-2001

Crop Year	Current Year	Following Year					
	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	Mar 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>						
2000							
Nebraska	7,500	6,650	4,600	¹	¹	¹	¹
15 States	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001 ²							
Nebraska	4,850	4,050	3,200	¹	¹	¹	¹
15 States	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990

¹ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ² Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Potatoes 2001 Summary, September 2002.

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September was 99, based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from the August index. Lower prices for hogs, potatoes, lettuce, and strawberries more than offset increased prices for wheat, corn, broccoli, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Decreased marketings of cattle, wheat,

broilers, and grapes more than offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, peanuts, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is also 7 points (6.6 percent) below September, 2001. Lower prices for milk, broilers, hogs, and lettuce more than offset higher prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and broccoli.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary September 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Sept. 2001 ¹	Aug. 2002 ¹	Sept. 15, 2002	Sept. 2001 ¹	Aug. 2002 ¹	Sept. 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.69	\$ 3.76	\$ 4.30	\$ 2.85	\$ 3.63	\$ 4.07	42	\$ 9.62
Corn	Bushels	1.87	2.38	2.60	1.91	2.38	2.56	39	6.51
Oats	Bushels	1.59	2.03	1.90	1.39	1.68	1.75	44	3.97
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.29	4.31	4.60	3.46	4.21	4.50	41	11.10
Soybeans	Bushels	4.39	5.43	5.38	4.53	5.53	5.54	39	14.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	72.00	90.00	92.00	99.00	93.70	95.50		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	73.00	90.00	92.00	108.00	101.00	102.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	66.00	89.00	89.00	71.90	71.30	74.80		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.90	19.90	20.30	18.10	23.40	17.80	37	48.20
Hogs	Cwt.	47.60	36.00	28.70	45.20	31.90	26.50	26	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	47.80	36.30	29.00	45.80	32.50	27.10		
Sows	Cwt.	35.50	18.90	14.00	34.80	18.90	15.20		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	70.00	64.00	65.10	69.00	64.30	64.60	41	159.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	70.90	64.90	66.10	72.10	67.10	67.60		
Cows	Cwt.	40.10	33.60	33.60	40.80	36.40	35.40		
Calves	Cwt.	105.00	98.10	96.00	107.00	94.40	93.00	44	211.00
Sheep	Cwt.	29.20	22.30		29.90	26.40			75.90
Lambs	Cwt.	46.20	74.70		52.50	75.00			179.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for September 2002.

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